

SEE BRYAN MENACE TO MERIT SYSTEM

Political Appointments to Diplo-
matic Posts Instead of Pro-
motions Are Feared.

REPUBLICAN POLICY UPSET

Four Ministers Who Rose From
the Lower Grades Are
Dropped Already.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Friends of the merit system as applied to American diplomatic service see strong indications of the intent of Secretary Bryan to break down that system in the coming year. The changes made up to date in the personnel of the service during the last two Republican administrations the practice of choosing ministers who had served apprenticeship in the lower grades of the service was rapidly increased.

There are now twenty men in the diplomatic service with the rank of ambassador or minister who rose from the lower grades. With the exception of some European posts during the Taft administration it was practically a settled policy to choose men from within the service by promotion for the heads of missions.

What the Appointments Indicate.

President Wilson has made comparatively few appointments to the diplomatic service. Leaving out of consideration those who hold the rank of ambassador, the appointments already made indicate that the men who rose to the grade of minister by the merit system are to be ousted with the same abandon as the admittedly political appointees.

Four of these men, among the most capable public servants in the diplomatic service, have been dropped. These are James G. Dubois, until recently Minister to Colombia; George T. Wetzel, Minister to Nicaragua; Arthur M. Beaupre, Minister to Cuba; and Lewis Einstein, Minister to Costa Rica. Each of these four men reached the grade of Minister by serving first in the lower grades of the service. They have been or are to be displaced by men chosen from outside the consular or diplomatic service.

Mr. Dubois's Services.

Former Minister Dubois has spent twenty-five years in the consular and diplomatic service. He was appointed in 1872 as commercial agent at Alexandria, and later served as consul at Calcutta, Peru, and at Leipzig. Re-entering the consular service in 1887, he was made Consul-General at St. Gall, Switzerland, where it is a matter of record that he saved the United States Treasury more than \$100,000 in revenue by detecting and recovering goods for export to that country.

He served at the State Department from 1901 to 1909, when he was made Consul-General at Singapore, whence he was appointed Minister to Colombia. In Colombia he did much to alleviate the hostility to Americans engendered by the Panama incident.

Former Minister Wetzel was appointed in 1907 secretary of the legation at Nicaragua after examination. He served subsequently as diplomatic adviser to Admiral Kimball, who commanded the American expedition to Nicaragua, second secretary of the embassy at Mexico City and later was detailed for special duty in that capital during the Madero revolution. He then became assistant chief of the Latin American division of the State Department and Minister to Nicaragua in 1911.

Mr. Beaupre's Record.

Arthur M. Beaupre began in 1897 as secretary of legation and Consul-General at Guatemala. He served in that capacity at Bogota, Colombia. He then became Minister to Colombia, Minister to Argentina, Minister to the Netherlands, and Minister to Cuba, where he awaits the arrival of his successor.

Lewis Einstein was appointed first in 1892 as third secretary at Paris, and served successfully at the embassies in London and Constantinople and the legation in Peking. He went to Costa Rica in 1911.

In the last eight years young men have been induced to prepare themselves for the examinations for appointment to the lower grades of the diplomatic service on the ground that beneath the policy of the State Department would be to make appointments to the grade of Minister from among those who began at the bottom and worked up by merit.

It is now feared that the breaking down of the merit system as indicated in the appointments under the new Administration will not only tend to discourage the young men now in the service but make it more difficult to get young men of the same high order of ability and education as have been appointed to the service in recent years to take the examinations.

The Consular Service.

Those interested in the merit system in the consular service are watching carefully the developments in the case of Frank Mason, whose resignation as Consul-General at Paris was accepted by Mr. Bryan last week.

It is expected that in the filling of the vacancy thus created the Wilson administration will demonstrate whether it is in earnest in the merit system and make promotions from below or whether the consular service is to be filled up once more with political appointees.

President Wilson is on record in a letter to an association of manufacturers interested in the development of American trade abroad in favor of the preservation of the merit system.

ROTHSCHILD FIGHT STANDARD.

Send First of Series of Gasoline Shipments to California.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 15.—A new battle between the Rothschilds and the Standard Oil Company was started here when the Dutch tank steamer Kessler arrived yesterday from Sumatra with three million gallons of gasoline.

This gasoline, which is the best grade of paraffin oil produced in the Orient, is the first consignment of many which will be used to west from the Standard Oil Company's American supremacy.

The cargo was consigned to the American Gasoline Company, the corporate name under which the Shell Petroleum and Royal Dutch Petroleum companies, which are controlled by the Rothschilds, will operate on the Pacific coast.

The struggle of years for control of the trade in the Orient has now shifted to this country and a battle royal is expected when the high grade paraffin base gasoline from the Orient is distributed on the Pacific coast at 16 1/2 cents a gallon.

The Kessler has proceeded to Martinez, where a \$1,000,000 plant has been established. On July 1 the wholesalers and retailers of this State will be stocked.

Other big tank steamers are already on the way here to increase the supply before the cargo of the Kessler has been used. The company also will refine oil and export California petroleum.

WOMEN POLICE ON THE NEWPORT BEACH FORCE

They Appear in Blue Military Cut Suits, With Parasol and Mesh Bag.

NEWPORT, June 15.—When the beach opened officially for the season to-day two young women went on duty with the regular special police officers. They will be classed as policemen but they will not be expected to quell riots or keep order. Their chief duties will be to hear complaints from women and to see that the beach is made more inviting to their sex.

The idea is that of Daniel J. McGowan, general manager of the beach, who has figured that there are many women visiting the beach who have complaints to make but do not care to make them to a policeman.

The young women who have been selected for this work are Miss Jane Buchanan, a teacher in the public schools and Miss Minnie Smith, who has been doing philanthropic work here. They appeared on the beach to-day dressed in dark blue military cut suits with the beach insignia on the collar. One carried a parasol and the other had a mesh bag hanging from her wrist.

As yet they have not been clothed with any official police power, but Mayor William Macdonald says that if application is made to him he will appoint them as regular specials.

OLD ACTOR NOW A PRIEST.

Michael J. Byrne to Say First Mass Next Sunday.

BRENSBURG, Pa., June 15.—Three years ago Michael J. Byrne, for twenty-two years an actor, entered the monastery of St. Francis at Loreto, near this place. On Tuesday he will be ordained a priest by Bishop Garvey of Altoona. He will say his first mass at St. Patrick's Church, Norwich, Conn., next Sunday, and thereafter will be stationed in Savannah, Ga., under the right Rev. R. J. Kelly.

Byrne was born in 1856. At the age of 16 he began to prepare for the priesthood, but when he was advised to abandon his studies he turned to the stage. He was an actor in "Eight Bells" when it was brought from England by Primrose and West. Two years later he and his three brothers bought the show and remained with the production until it was taken from the stage.

He was married in 1880 to Mary E. Scanlan of Norwich. The death of his wife five years ago renewed his ambition to become a priest. His relatives lost track of him for a couple of years and it was not until he was made a deacon several months ago by Bishop Garvey that he informed his people where he was.

MRS. DU PONT GIVES \$50,000

To Establish a Maternity Hospital at Cambridge, Md.

WILMINGTON, Del., June 15.—It was announced to-day that Mrs. Alfred I. du Pont, wife of the vice-president of the Du Pont Powder Company, has given \$50,000 for the construction of a maternity hospital at Cambridge, Md. The announcement was made by Gov. Goldsborough of Maryland, who lives at Cambridge, and who recently visited the Du Ponts at their mansion near here. Mr. and Mrs. du Pont were subsequently the guests of the Governor at Annapolis.

Mrs. du Pont's donation was not a surprise here. When the managers of the Delaware Hospital in Wilmington, several months ago inaugurated a campaign for the raising of an endowment fund of \$500,000 a committee called upon Alfred I. du Pont and asked him to contribute.

He refused upon the ground that his divorced wife, Rose, Gardner du Pont, was a member of the board of managers. The fund was raised, nevertheless.

As the second Mrs. du Pont is not friendly toward the divorced wife, Wilmington society has been expecting that she would help some other hospital.

LONDON SHOW WINDOW HUMOR.

Timeworn Joke Revived in Oxford Street Shop.

LONDON, June 15.—Many tradesmen in London display notices in their windows specifying that certain foreign languages are spoken by their employees. The latest, which has just appeared on Oxford street, reads:

"American spoken here."

BIG GUNS TO PEEP FROM VOLCANO'S RIM

Uncle Sam Converts Extinct
Hawaiian Crater Into a Self-
Supporting Fort.

CAN STAND A LONG SIEGE.

Great Orders of Supplies Taken
In, and Farm and Water
Supply Planned.

BOSTON, June 15.—American troops in the Hawaiian Islands have taken possession of the crater of a large extinct volcano situated on the coast and are working night and day to convert it into a fortress capable of withstanding a long siege.

Ammunition, food supplies and other necessities are being stored in it, guns are being mounted, a water supply has been arranged for and gardens have been planted on the slopes of the crater to provide food.

This information reached Boston yesterday from an authentic source in Honolulu. The communication further said that Americans living in the Hawaiian Islands including the troops are very anxious over the Japanese situation. It was stated that in Honolulu war with Japan is regarded as certain, and that, recognizing that under ordinary circumstances the 60,000 Japanese living in the islands, most of whom are former soldiers, would have little difficulty in seizing the possessions, the authorities are straining every nerve to prepare for resistance.

The army and marine corps officers believe that practically all of the Japanese in Hawaii were sent there for no other purpose than to be on hand to seize the islands in case of war, and that the beach is made more inviting to their sex.

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FEAR FOR PACIFIC COAST.

Army Men Think Japanese Could Take Hawaii and Canal.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—Despite injunctions laid on officers of the army not to discuss in any way the potentialities of the situation regarding Japan, what they think is becoming common knowledge in Washington.

Officers who have most seriously studied the situation with regard to the preparedness of the United States for war in the present issue with Japan much food for thought. Their opinion is that Japan would be able to occupy the Philippines, Hawaii, the Canal Zone and Washington or Oregon and perhaps California. It would be a long and hard task, they say, for the United States to drive them out of such positions which they might take by means of the advantage they would possess through greater preparedness.

Speaking of the general state of unpreparedness in the United States Representative Julius Kahn of California said to-day:

"I am not an alarmist, but as a resident of California I know something about the situation and I know also the disadvantages we labor under in not having a mobile army where officers and men have been trained in tactical units, as well as a reserve which could fill the ranks in a sudden emergency."

"It is not because I want that I want an army properly organized, trained and drilled, with a reserve which shall meet emergencies. It is because I want to avoid war. With such an army as a country situated like the United States should have there would be no much possibility of war and there would be far fewer 'war scares' to alarm the people."

CAN BE NO WAR, SAYS JORDAN.

Japanese Would Have to Get Their Money in New York.

DENVER, Col., June 15.—"If publicity were thrown upon the corporations interested in wars, war scares would die out and revolution simmer down," said David Starr Jordan, Chancellor of Leland Stanford University, who is in Denver.

"Japan could not go to war with the United States even if it wanted to," he said. "It would have to come to the United States either directly or indirectly, to get the money, and New York could prevent a war. New York stopped the Russian-Japanese war."

"Japan wants war no more than San Francisco wants earthquakes."

The most practical advance that has been suggested for the solution of the war question is the investigation treaties proposed by President Wilson and Secretary Bryan. They provide for an impartial investigation of the cause of a war for six months before the opening of war.

"It would be impossible for the Powers of Europe to become involved in a great war, because it would cost each one of them \$5,000,000 a day, and there isn't enough money in the whole world to defray such a gigantic bill. Germany, for instance, has been trying to borrow \$130,000,000 in time of peace, but finds its efforts unsuccessful."

"Why was this Japanese question made an international issue in California politics? The Democrats over there started it, but Gov. Johnson took it away from them—stole their thunder. There are only 330 Japanese directly involved, each controlling forty acres of land, and most of them have not been in the Japanese territory for twenty years. They came to California from Hawaii, where they had been working for years as fruit pickers."

A BALLAD OF ATLANTA JAIL.

Julian Hawthorne Breaks Into Verse Over Baseball.

ATLANTA, Ga., June 15.—Julian Hawthorne, who is convict No. 4,435 in the United States penitentiary here and editor of the prison magazine, has written a poem on the part baseball plays in the lives of the 500 prisoners. There is an eight club league in the prison, and games are played every week. Hawthorne's poem, entitled "Play Ball," follows:

Eight hundred dead men hopping from their graves,
For the sun shines fair on the high grass
And the birds sing in the trees,
Each in his blue shroud, all we moulder
Blinking like a swarm of bats to see a
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Baseball is the only thing that makes us
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Every man here is glad to see a ball game.
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HUERTA NOW IN FULL CONTROL IN MEXICO

With Mondragon Out of Cab-
inet President Personally
Directs Campaigns.

BLANQUET IS SUBMISSIVE

New Minister of War Willing
to Obey All Orders of Pro-
visional Executive.

MEXICO CITY, June 15.—The recent Cabinet changes seem to indicate that Gen. Huerta is determined to take the reins of government into his own hands without confiding to subordinates the direction of military events or the civil measures for pacifying the country. It is now an open secret that Gen. Huerta and Gen. Mondragon, the Minister of War, disagreed because the provisional President did not leave the War Minister at liberty to direct the campaigns without any interference from the acting Executive. The Minister of War was angry because Gen. Huerta interfered with his work and for more than a week practically superseded Gen. Mondragon in arranging the personnel of military columns and also by receiving reports direct from officers in the field.

Gen. Huerta's selection of Gen. Blanquet as Minister of War shows that the provisional President is determined to run matters himself, as Gen. Blanquet has for a long time operated under orders from Gen. Huerta. Gen. Blanquet acted under Huerta in the campaign against the Orozquistas and was his chief assistant in the coup d'etat when the late President Madero was thrown into prison and afterward assassinated.

Gen. Blanquet has worked his way up from the ranks. He was a sergeant when 17 years of age and commanded the firing squad which executed the Emperor Maximilian. Blanquet with his own pistol despatched Emperor Maximilian with the coup de grace. He has always been accustomed to obey orders to the letter, as he respected the greater technical knowledge of his superiors. He idolizes Gen. Huerta, who respects his valor and integrity. Thus Gen. Blanquet will make an ideal subordinate to execute Gen. Huerta's plans.

Urrutia Also a Figurehead.

Many people express surprise and amazement at Gen. Huerta's selection of Senor Urrutia as Minister of the Interior, ignoring the fact that Senor Urrutia, for the very reason that he is unknown except as a surgeon and is also a very intimate friend of Gen. Huerta, will make an ideal figurehead.